

“what” and not the “how.” In addition to reducing the number of contract deliverables, documents that are required submittals are done so electronically via dedicated data transfer lines or the internet. Another key to making TSPR work is treating Cost as an Independent Variable. This initiative interjects budget realities into the acquisition development cycle by requiring the Government to balance performance and utility against available funding.

The use of Integrated Product Teams is also a key element of acquisition reform. These teams

bring together all key players throughout the development cycle to ensure that the product being developed will satisfy requirements and meet the overall needs of the warfighter.

Another element is the use of a Single Acquisition Management Plan to guide the entire development of a new system. The SAMP consolidated data contained in thousands of pages from Government documents and handbooks into one concise 36 page management plan, thus greatly simplifying the acquisition process.

Cycle times for contracting actions have also

Space Based Infrared System

Vision:

Providing the world's best space based surveillance system for the nation

Mission:

Develop, deploy and sustain space based surveillance systems for missile warning, missile defense, battlespace characterization, and technical intelligence

Goals:

1. Make SBIRS mission execution affordable, reliable and routine for the warfighter
2. Enhance the excellence of our business practices
3. Enable our people to excel

Objectives:

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| 1. Maintain customer required performance, quality and delivery dates within assigned budget, despite fiscal dynamics/pressures | 1. Reduce workload by deleting lower priority, lower risk, non-value added program and functional processes, tasks and activities | 1. Engage our people to define and use information technology to improve their on-the-job effectiveness |
| 2. Develop and implement a set of indicators to evaluate how well we are satisfying the warfighter's operational needs | 2. Benchmark and improve our core business processes leveraging information systems technology | 2. Implement a more effective, comprehensive training program to develop the capabilities of our personnel |
| | 3. Develop and implement a set of indicators that tell the SBIRS Team (AFSPC, KTR & SPO) how we satisfy each others needs | 3. Ensure that our people understand and can articulate the key elements of our strategic plan and System of Systems Architecture |
| | | 4. Improve supervisor and employee communication so employees can serve the organization as best they can while maximizing their own personnel and professional growth |